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28 August 1962

**MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)**

**SUBJECT** : The Question of OSA Procurement Authority

**REFERENCE** : a. Memo for DD/R from AAD/OSA, dated 28 August  
1962; Subject OSA Procurement Authority  
[REDACTED] 1993-62)

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b. Memo for ADCI from DD/R; Subject: Delegation  
of OSA-DD/R Contracting Officer Authority  
[REDACTED] 1994-62)

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c. Memo for C/CD/OSA from DD/R; Subject:  
Designation of OSA-DD/R Contracting Officer  
[REDACTED] 1995-62)

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1. I am writing you a brief note of explanation regarding the attached references which deal with the question of our posture with regard to the retention of contracting authority for [REDACTED]. I believe you will discover from Reference a. an explanation of how the system has functioned in the past and a recommendation in paragraph 13 of what we would hold to be desirable for the future. To a large extent you may find this paper useful as a talking document, although I see no reason why a copy could not be left with Colonel White and/or General Carter for their use as background material.

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2. Reference b. is proposed for your signature to General Carter in effect outlining the terms of reference under which you would propose [REDACTED] act. You will notice that this contains an approval line for the Acting Director's signature.

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3. Reference c. is self-explanatory but, of course, is not valid unless General Carter signs Reference b., and full responsibility for the continuation of the contracting mechanism we propose devolves upon us.

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4. Once you have digested these papers, you may wish to indicate to Colonel White that we are ready for a meeting with General Carter on the subject.

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